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SUBJ: SIXTH SESSION - UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL - PROGRAM COMMITTEE

SUMMARY

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1. SUMMARY - PROGRAM COMMITTEE CONCLUDED WORK MAY 23

WITH APPROVAL THIRTEEN DECISIONS INDICATING DESIRED

EMPHASIS FOR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES DURING REMAINDER CURRENT

BIENNIAL. PLENARY AGREED TO HOLD SEVENTH SESSION OF

GOVERNING COUNCIL APRIL 18 - MAY 4, 1979. END SUMMARY

2. PROGRAM COMMITTEE CONCLUDED ITS WORK MAY 23, WITH

APPROVAL OF THIRTEEN DECISIONS COVERING, INTER-ALIA,  
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, THE INTERNATIONAL REFERRAL SYSTEM  
(IRS), IMBALANCES IN FUNDING OF REGIONAL PROGRAMS FOR  
ASIA, ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION SECRETARIAT, INTER-  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF POTENTIALLY TOXIC CHEMICALS (IRPTC) AND  
EXPORT OF CHEMICALS NOT APPROVED FOR DOMESTIC USE, IMPROVE-  
MENT OF WORKING ENVIRONMENT, TROPICAL FOREST REGIONAL  
INFORMATION CENTRE FOR AFRICA, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOP-  
MENT, REGIONAL SEAS PROGRAM, COOPERATIVE RESPONSE TO  
OIL SPILLS, AND SOIL CONSERVATION. U.S. INTERVENTIONS  
ON EARTHWATCH, TOXIC CHEMICALS, TROPICAL DEFORESTATION,  
SOIL CONSERVATION, INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT AND FREE  
EXCHANGE OF DATA IN REGIONAL SEAS PROGRAM RECEIVED  
SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FROM OTHER DELS DURING PROGRAM  
COMMITTEE SESSIONS.

3. TWO PRINCIPAL ISSUES WERE QUESTION OF LIMITING UNEP'S  
OPEN ENDED COMMITMENTS TO IMPLEMENTATION OF  
CONVENTIONS (E.G. ENDANGERED SPECIES AND ENVIRONMENT AND  
DEVELOPMENT IN 1979 AS PRELUDE TO DETAILED DISCUSSION  
THIS SUBJECT FOR NEXT BIENNIAL. VARIOUS COUNTRIES,  
PARTICULARLY CANADA AND UK, CONCERNED THAT FIXED FINANCIAL  
COMMITMENTS TO SUPPORT EXISTING AND POSSIBLE FUTURE  
CONVENTIONS WOULD SEVERELY LIMIT ABILITY OF FUND TO SERVE  
AS CATALYST FOR NEW ACTIVITIES. ISSUE RESOLVED BY MAKING  
DISTINCTION BETWEEN ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAMMATIC  
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ASPECTS OF CONVENTION IMPLEMENTATION. IN BOTH ENDANGERED  
SPECIES AND MED CONVENTIONS, PARTIES ARE TO ASSUME FULL  
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS BY END  
OF 1983. AT SAME TIME, PARTIES INVITED TO CONTINUE TO  
SUBMIT PROGRAM PROPOSALS FOR SUPPORT BY UNEP FUND. AS  
RESULT ABOVE, ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION MAY HAVE TO  
BE AMENDED TO RELIEVE UNEP OF FUNDING SECRETARIAT  
RESPONSIBILITIES. COMPROMISE DECISION ON  
FUNDING FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION SECRETARIAT  
RAISED UNEP CONTRIBUTION TO \$700,000 FOR 1978-79 BIENNIAL.  
UNEPA ALSO TO PAY COST OF NEXT MEETING OF PARTIES BUT NO  
SUBSEQUENT ONES.

4. GROUP OF 77 SUBMITTED LENGTHY RESOLUTION ON ENVIRONMENT  
AND DEVELOPMENT, STRESSING NEED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESS-  
MENT OF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND CALLING FOR REVERSAL  
OF DECLINING BUDGET LINE FOR THIS ITEM, PARTICULARLY IN  
VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF INTRODUCING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS  
INTO PREPARATIONS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. ORIGINAL  
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL \$1.1 MILLION FOR 1979 SCALED DOWN  
THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS TO \$450,000 TO BE DERIVED FROM SLIGHT  
PROPORTIONATE REDUCTIONS IN THE LARGER OF CERTAIN

PROGRAM ACTIVITY BUDGET LINES. SAME PROCEDURE USED TO PROVIDE SMALL INCREASE FOR '79 OCEANS BUDGET. THESE REALLOCATIONS REFLECTED IN RECOMMENDATIONS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. THOUGH ALL DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH GENERAL GOALS OF IRPTC, MANY DELEGATES EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER UNFOCUSSED NATURE OF PROPOSED WORK PLAN. U.S. AND CANADA, IN PARTICULAR, EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF IRPTC COMPLETING LINKAGES WITH EXISTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS ON CHEMICALS RATHER THAN EMBARKING ON CENTRALIZED COMPUTER DATA FILES. SEVERAL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXPRESSED ABOUT THE EXPORT OF CHEMICALS WHICH ARE BANNED IN PRODUCER COUNTRIES. U.S. DEL ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN AND NOTED MEASURES BEING CONSIDERED IN U.S.  
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CONGRESS TO REGULATE EXPORT OF PESTICIDES NOT REGISTERED FOR USE IN THE U.S.

6. COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS (CBA) - UNEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOLBA CHAIRED INFORMAL WORKING SESSION TO REVIEW DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR UNEP ACTIVITIES IN COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS. PROPOSAL CALLS FOR INTERESTED COUNTRIES TO PREPARE CASE STUDIES ON COST/BENEFIT AND OTHER ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. MOST DELEGATE ENDORSED THIS CONCEPT, BUT MANY EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES IN APPLYING SUCH ANALYSIS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES. DELEGATES AGREED TO QUERY THEIR GOVERNMENTS ON (A) SHARING OF CASE STUDIES AND (B) CONVENING AN EXPERTS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS CBA IN THE FALL OF 1978.

7. MAY 23 PLENARY AGREED TO HOLD SEVENTH SESSION APRIL 18 - MAY 4, 1979 WITH INTERSESSIONAL INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD IN NAIROBI IN JANUARY 1979.  
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